



January 31, 2008

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: TREAD Act Required Report of a Recall in a Foreign Country

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to the TREAD Act and Section 579.11 of Part 579 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Hyundai Motor Company is submitting information concerning a recall that is being voluntarily initiated in China. Specific information as required by Section 579.12 of Part 579 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations is as follows:

Manufacturer:

Beijing Hyundai Motor Company

Identification of the vehicles potentially containing the defect:

Some 2003 and 2004 model year Hyundai Sonata vehicles produced in China beginning on November 18, 2002 through July 12, 2004 for the Chinese market only.

Total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect:

Approximately 2,106 model year 2003 and 2004 Hyundai Sonata vehicles produced in China beginning on November 18, 2002 through July 12, 2004 for the Chinese market only.

Description of the defect:

The air filter in the evaporative emission control system may become plugged by dust or dirt after long periods of operation. A plugged evaporative emission control system air filter can cause an excessive vacuum to be generated within the fuel tank. If excessive vacuum is applied to the fuel tanks of these vehicles, minor fuel tank distortion may result. After prolonged exposure to the excessive vacuum, a small crack may develop on the upper fuel tank surface. The affected evaporative emission control system air filters have been installed only on vehicles produced in China for the Chinese market.

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Foreign country in which the safety recall or other safety campaign is being conducted:

This recall is being conducted in China.

Description of the foreign action as a safety recall or other safety campaign:

A safety recall.

Determination to conduct the recall made by the manufacturer or by a foreign government:

The determination to conduct this recall was made by Hyundai Motor Company.

Manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance:

All owners of affected vehicles will be contacted by first class mail and instructed to bring their vehicles to authorized Hyundai dealers to have the 12 cm² evaporative emission control system air filter replaced with a larger capacity filter that will not become plugged by dust or dirt, at no cost to the owners.

Date of the determination and the date the recall was commenced in each foreign country:

This recall was reported to the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (SAQSIQ) on January 30, 2008. Hyundai Motor Company will initiate owner notification on February 4, 2008.

Identify all motor vehicles sold or offered for sale in the United States that are identical or substantially similar to the motor vehicles covered by the foreign recall or campaign:

The U.S. specification model year 2003 and 2004 Hyundai Sonata models have identical platforms to those models sold in China, but are equipped with different evaporative emission control systems than the Chinese market specification Sonatas. This foreign recall affects only model year 2003 and 2004 Hyundai Sonata vehicles that are equipped 12 cm² evaporative emission control system air filters sold in the Chinese market. No Hyundai Sonata vehicles equipped with these air filters are or have been sold in the United States, therefore, this recall does not affect vehicles sold in the United States.

Sincerely,



Robert Babcock
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